

BEFORE THE SOUTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

In the Matter of the Suspension)
)
or Revocation of the Educator)
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Certificate of Jennifer L. Reynolds)
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Certificate 202183)

ORDER OF REVOCATION

SUMMARY OF THE CASE

The South Carolina State Board of Education (State Board) considered this matter on June 14, 2006. By letter of April 6, 2006, the State Department of Education served Jennifer L. Reynolds with a notice of her right to a hearing regarding the possible revocation of her South Carolina educator certificate. The notice was served through the Berkeley County Sheriff's Office, as evidenced by an Affidavit of Service dated April 29, 2006. Ms. Reynolds did not request a hearing in writing within the time frame specified in the notice letter. After considering the information presented, the State Board voted to revoke Ms. Reynold's certificate.

FINDINGS OF FACT

Ms. Reynolds holds a valid South Carolina certificate with over four years of teaching experience. During the 2005-06 school year, Ms. Reynolds was employed as a special education teacher at North Charleston Elementary School in the Charleston County School District (District). The District terminated Ms. Reynold's employment in November 2005 following allegations that she mishandled and misused a student's medication.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The State Board may revoke the certificate of any person for just cause; just cause includes unprofessional conduct, dishonesty and evident unfitness to teach. S.C. Code Ann. §§ 59-25-150 and 160 (2004). The State Board finds that there is sufficient information to support a conclusion that just cause exists to revoke Ms. Reynold's educator certificate. Should Ms. Reynolds ever wish to reapply for certification in South Carolina, she may not do so until after June 13, 2009. To be eligible for certification at that time, Ms. Reynolds must meet all current certification requirements and she must submit to a character and fitness review by the State Board.

South Carolina State Board of Education

By: /S/ Joe Isaac

Joe Isaac, Chair

Columbia, South Carolina

June 14, 2006